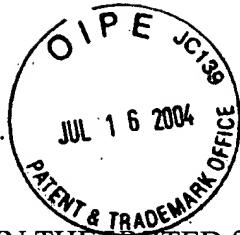


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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NOBORU HAMADA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2154
Application No.: 09/588,672)	
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Filed: June 6, 2000)	
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For: NETWORK DEVICE)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination
having been filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as
follows: